



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

APRIL 2021

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NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS, MALDIVES

INFLATION RATE FOR APRIL 2021

- Monthly percentage change between March 2021 and April 2021
 - Monthly inflation: +0.08%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -0.15%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. March 2021 to April 2021)
 - Annual inflation (month on month): +3.35%

OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

The most significant price increase in this month were for;

- Fish (+5.36%),
- Milk, other dairy products and eggs (+0.58%),
- Fixed communication services (+16.91%) and
- Oils and fats (-0.01%).

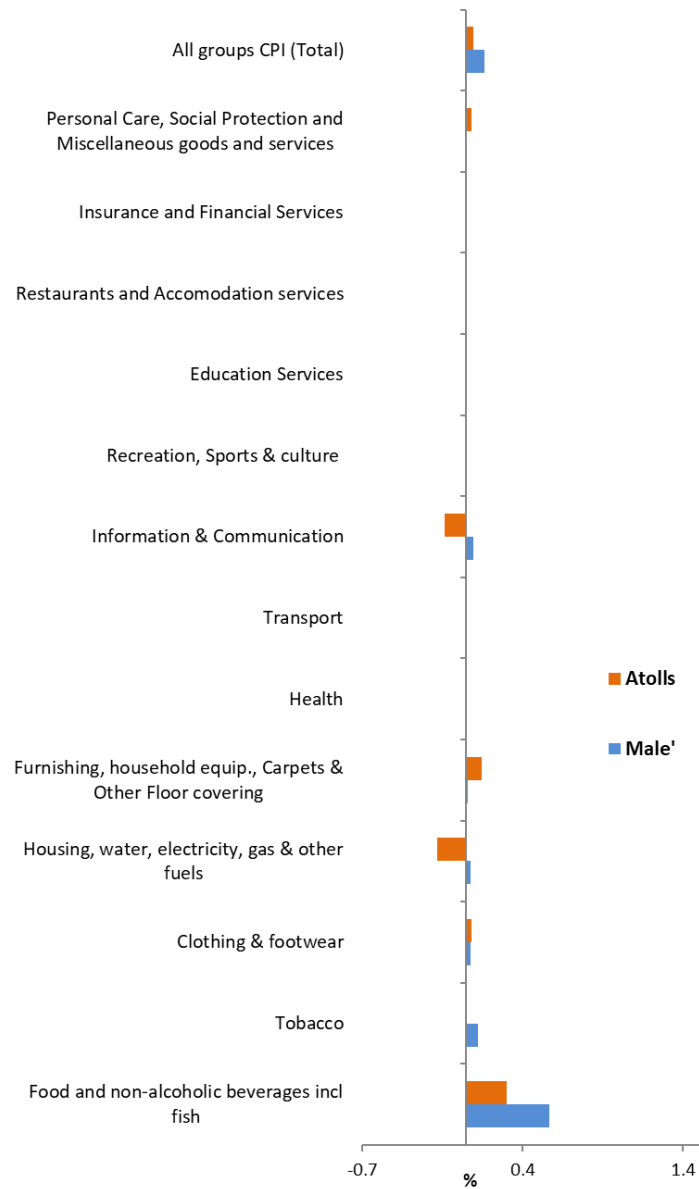
OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month.

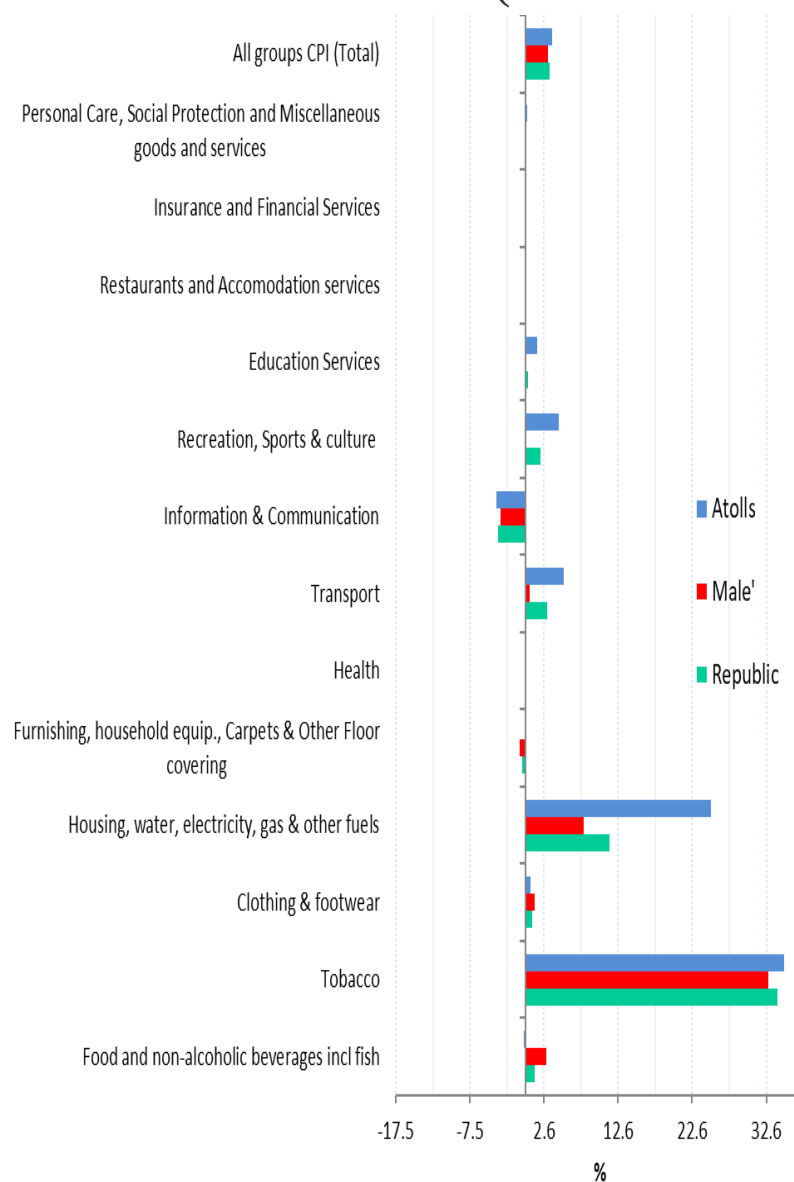
The most significant price decrease in this month were for;

- Vegetables (-6.39%),
- Mobile communication services (-0.42%),
- Security equipment and materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling (-0.72%),
- Other food products (-0.79%) and
- Meat (-0.49%).

MONTHLY INFLATION (MARCH 2021 TO APRIL 2021)



MONTH ON MONTH INFLATION (APRIL 2020 TO APRIL 2021)



PERCENTAGE CHANGE AND CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS USED

- Movements in CPI from one period to the other period are expressed in index points as well as percentage changes.
- Information on points contribution and points contribution change (or points change) is of immense value when analyzing sources of price change

CONTRIBUTION TO MONTHLY CHANGE (MARCH 2021 TO APRIL 2021)

	Republic	Male'	Atolls
ALL GROUPS CPI (Total)	0.08	0.11	0.05
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCL FISH	0.09	0.10	0.07
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-0.01	0.01	-0.02
FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS. CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS	0.00	0.00	0.01
HEALTH	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.00	0.00	-0.01
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	0.00	0.00	0.00
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00

UP-COMING CPI RELEASES

- Monthly CPI is targeted to be released on the last Monday of the month at 10.00 am local time
- Next release
 - May CPI : 28th June 2021

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

- A guide to the Consumer Price Index, Maldives 2012

GUIDE

- Index reference period is September 2019 = 100, weight reference period and Base period = December 2019

REVIEW

http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GuideToCPI_Maldives2019-Publication.pdf

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Website: www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv
- National Accounts and Economic Statistics Section of the National Bureau of Statistics can assist in understanding better the methodology of CPI and inflation.
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